

though Standing Bear's words are being forgotten now 100 years after the fact and he won that case, and it was decided that Indians were citizens, were people, human beings just as we are, and now as they progress in our society and as we give them a helping hand and try again to repent for the sins of our forefathers we now want to turn our back on them in the mid 1980's when perhaps they are just on the verge of making the major changes that are needed to bring them full force into our state and nation. This is the wrong time to be talking about these sort of cuts. We are so callused in this decade, the 1980s, as we have a weak economy, as we look for cuts in our budget, the weakest among us should not be the first to go. The weakest among us should be the last to have their budgets cut because they need that assistance more than anybody else. They are the ones that have the most to lose because they have so much that they need and we are the only ones that can provide it. So Senator Chambers with his anger speaks and I know many of you are perhaps reacting negatively in some ways to it, you have to understand that he speaks for the concerns of those people that are disadvantaged and forgotten in our society and those of us that are white and male of the mainstream in our society cannot forget that there are people that don't have those advantages that we have and that we have to provide them to them or they will never be able to advance in our society and fully join us as brothers and sisters in our state and nation. So I ask you please to support Senator Chambers' motion to restore funding. This is the wrong move to make at this time. Other cuts make more sense than this. I ask your support for the Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas, and then Senator DeCamp, and then Senator Marsh and Chambers.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Chambers' motion to restore back in the Indian Commission for the basic reason that we made them what they are today, and they are one of the few people of the minorities among all the minorities who are trying to help themselves and do better, and better themselves. I think it is very integral that we keep this commission going to provide the service that they have provided in the past so they can achieve progress along the lines of self-sufficiency. So I do rise to support it. I will take a little exception to my colleague over there, Senator